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### WAY FINDERS

## Mill St. developer asks for \$564K

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The developers of 586 Mill St. will get more than half a million dollars of taxpayer funds if the City Council ratifies a town committee vote held last week.

The Community Preservation Committee on Jan. 22 voted to recommend \$564,000 to support the 63-unit apartment complex. The money would come from the town's Community Preservation Act accounts, which are funded by a 1 percent surcharge on local property tax bills, as well as matching grants from the state.

"I think that's the least the town could do to show support for this valuable project," said committee member Richard Maggi.

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Above Holding a brush and a palette, Mitchell Haglund looks like he's ready to paint some masterpieces — or, in his words, "create stuff." The 9-year-old, who hopes to be a professional artist, said he likes to paint and draw, "so I can share my stuff with others." PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

Right: Clutching the brim of his hat and dressed in a police uniform, complete with a pair of handcuffs, Aiden Rojas looks ready to report for duty. The 6-year-old said he wants to be a police officer like his dad.



Above: Holding a stuffed monkey and a pail of paper bananas, Morgan Knox said she wants to be a monkey trainer when she grows up. The 7-year-old said monkeys are one of her favorite animals. Last Friday was Future Day at Phelps School, as children dressed for the job they hope to have. More photos, page 8.

### TENNESSEE GAS

## Town questions pipeline but is not able to stop it

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Regardless of how they feel about natural gas pipeline work in Agawam, there's nothing Agawam city councilors can do to stop the project.

That was the consensus of pipeline officials, the town solicitor and councilors themselves at a workshop session of the City Council held Tuesday, Jan. 28. Councilors had asked representatives from Tennessee Gas Pipeline LLC to attend and answer their questions about the environmental impact of plans to install a 2.1-mile "loop" pipeline along Suffield Street, and to upgrade equipment at the pipeline compressor station on Suffield Street near the Connecticut state line.

"In reality, this is a federally regulated pipeline," said Town Solicitor Stephen Buoniconti. "The town doesn't have much oversight. It's all at the federal level."

He said Tennessee Gas had already been through a two-year

permitting process with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Barring unforeseen delays, construction is slated to begin this summer and last three months, said Jim Hartman, a right-of-way agent for Tennessee Gas, based in Enfield, Conn.

As a federal pipeline, Tennessee Gas is subject to more stringent regulations than the low-pressure systems operated by utility companies, Hartman said. The pipes are welded and tested with water for leaks before being placed into service, then electrically charged to repel corrosion and detect imperfections immediately, and inspected from the inside with a "pig" — an inspection rig that travels through the pipe — on a regular basis. The active lines in the ground today are original pipes from the 1960s and indistinguishable from brand-new pipes.

"Gas isn't going to leak from

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### RESOURCE OFFICERS

## Called back to the halls of justice

By Mike Lydick  
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When Agawam police officers Taylor Hartmann and Jeff Hichborn were both in high school, they decided their "calling" was in law enforcement.

Now they're back in school as Agawam's two newest school resource officers — mixing with students, enforcing laws, and helping keep students and staff safe.

They began working the school "beat" in September. Hartmann succeeded Officer Robert Burke, the SRO at the high school for nearly a decade before he was promoted to sergeant in the spring. Hichborn took over at AJHS from Officer Mark Poggi, who retired.

Hichborn, a native of Southwick, got a preview of his new assignment last spring when he was temporarily assigned to AJHS to fill in when Poggi retired. It was an opportunity for him to learn firsthand about the position while getting to know the staff and some of the students.

"I quickly found myself becoming a mentor to a few students. I enjoyed my short time in the



Agawam High School senior Payton Lemke talks with Agawam police officer Taylor, the new school resource officer, who is herself a 2009 AHS graduate.

PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

school and decided I'd like to take on the position full-time," he said.

Hartmann, who grew up in Agawam and is a 2009 AHS graduate, also coaches girls varsity basketball and soccer at the school.

"I thought I'd be a good fit for the position. Hopefully, students will see me as a good role model," said Hartmann. Inducted last year into the AHS Athletic Hall of Fame, she played varsity soccer,

basketball, and softball for four years as a student.

Hartmann and Hichborn were selected as SROs after they and several other officers were interviewed for the positions.

"Officer[s] Hartmann and Hichborn gave strong interviews. Both had certain individual skill sets that made them strong can-

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Quarterly property tax bills due Feb. 3

Third-quarter real estate and personal property tax bills for fiscal 2020 are due in the town collector's office by 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3.

Bills may be paid in person at Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam, or online at [www.agawam.ma.us](http://www.agawam.ma.us). Third quarter payment notices were mailed Dec. 31, 2019.

By law, bills were mailed to owners of record as of Jan. 1, 2019. Any new homeowner or anyone who has not received a real estate or personal property tax bill should contact the collector's office immediately at 413-786-0400, ext. 8218, to obtain the bill amount.

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Q & AGAWAM

Marshal is honored to lead St. Patrick's parade

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It's nearly Irish Season in Agawam, and Laurie O'Connell is leading the way as this year's parade marshal. O'Connell, a volunteer with the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee since 2013, was chosen this year to march at the head of the Agawam division in the nationally famous Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will take place Sunday, March 22.

Q: What does the parade marshal do?

A: The parade marshal leads the Agawam group in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day parade. They are the first in the contingent and they lead the group throughout the parade route. They are front and center before the parade walkers and the Agawam float. It's a very exciting job. Though I've been a parade walker before, this will be my first time being a parade marshal and being able to lead the entire group. This is really an honor and that's one of the most exciting things about this, is being able to lead the contingent.

Q: How did you become the parade marshal?

A: Well, it's pretty simple, I'm a member of the St.



Laurie O'Connell

Laurie O'Connell

**Why you should know her:** She'll be the parade marshal of the Agawam division in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade this year, and has worked on the St. Patrick's Committee since 2013. She's lived in Feeding Hills since age 5, in 1970.

**Favorite thing about Feeding Hills:** That I went to school here and my kids went to the same schools, and that it's just a great community.

Patrick's Committee and I was voted to be the parade marshal by the board. It's an annual award that usually only goes to someone that's a part of the committee. It's one of three awards. There's also the Citizenship award and the Anne Sullivan award, those also go to committee members. I've also been awarded the Anne Sullivan award in past years. The board usually awards it to someone who exemplifies being Irish in the community.

Q: What are you most excited about?

A: I've been in the parade and I've been to it as an observer, so just being there and celebrating is exciting to me. Besides that, I'd have to say I'm excited to see our float finished and have the opportunity to see the other wonderful floats.

The float for Agawam is actually being built as we speak; there's a separate committee for the float. The topic is a secret, and only the float committee knows what it will be. I do know what the float will be, but I've been sworn to secrecy. People will have to come out to celebrate and see what we've come up with.

Q: Where do you work?

A: While I enjoy my time at the committee, I do have a day job; I'm a paralegal for the [state] Department of Children and Families. I really enjoy my job, and it takes up a good amount of time, though I also work part-time. I work at the Hardwick Winery, it's in Hardwick, Mass., and it's beautiful there. They have a lot of great wines and they're very popular, plus they have amazing views,

it's a really great place. It's a really fun place to go. I recommend it to anyone.

Q: What are some of your hobbies?

A: I like to cook and try new recipes. I really love cooking. It's what I'm always doing in my free time. I also enjoy going on Sunday drives and finding new places to go and explore. Though it's not a hobby, I really enjoy spending time with my grandchildren. I love to hang out with them. I'm pretty simple. Cooking is my biggest non-work passion. I'm cooking all the time.

Q: What's it like being Irish in Agawam and Feeding Hills?

A: Well, living in Agawam is great — it's an amazing place to live. Though it was mostly populated with Italian communities in the early years, later on there were exploding Irish communities being drawn to the area. Now there are so many different types of cultures and heritages that live in Agawam and Feeding Hills, we try to make it a fun season for everyone. It's fun being able to celebrate altogether and try to get the whole community involved.

Q: What's something surprising that happens behind

the scenes at the parade?

A: One of the most surprising things that happens behind the scenes for the parade, is the fact that they hold the judging of the floats early in the morning. The judges go around in the morning and review the floats, they then pick the winner after seeing them all. As the floats appear along the float route, they announce who the winner is and what place the floats received. It's always fun to hear them announce the float places and already knowing ahead of time.

Q: How did you join the St. Patrick's Committee?

A: I've been on the committee since 2013, and it's funny because I had only heard about the committee through my granddaughter. She was on the Colleen Court in 2013 and that introduced me to the committee. After I knew about it, I wanted to join. I'm very proud of my Irish heritage and that's just what they're looking for. I'm glad I was introduced to it, 'cause I enjoy being on the committee.

*Whom should we interview next? Who has an interesting job, hobby, or story to tell in Agawam and Feeding Hills? Suggest a "Q & Agawam" subject by emailing [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).*

Bowling to help Lions children's fund

All are invited to "strike" up some fun while supporting a great cause Saturday, Feb. 8, at Agawam Bowl.

A \$20 donation to the Agawam Lions Foundation Inc. Children's Services Fund will buy bowling shoes, lunch and three strings of play. The fundraiser runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the bowling alley at 359 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam.

Before the event, bowlers should complete a registration form, which can be found at [www.agawamlions.org/events](http://www.agawamlions.org/events). Bowlers can ask friends and family to sponsor them to raise additional funds.

The mission of the Children's Services Fund is to provide assistance to children in the community, their families and caregivers, as well as the schools and support staff that are entrusted with their well-being. The Agawam Lions are committed to addressing issues such as hunger, health and well-being matters, providing basic supplies for home and school, among other things.

To stay up to date on upcoming Agawam Lions Club events and community initiatives, follow the Agawam Lions Club on Facebook or visit [www.agawamlions.org](http://www.agawamlions.org).

Library to offer basic computer classes

Adult basic computer classes will be offered at the Agawam library from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on 10 consecutive Mondays, from Feb. 24 to May 4.

Topics that may be covered include navigating Windows, surfing the Web, working with email, using Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or Microsoft PowerPoint, depending on the needs of the class. Participants can suggest topics by calling instructor Jackie

Owens at 413-786-0606. Participants should plan to attend all sessions. Space is limited to 10 people.

To register, call the Reference Desk at 413-789-1550, ext. 8862. Owens has extensive experience teaching basic computing essentials and teaching Microsoft Office applications, most recently at the Millennium Training Institute in Woburn. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Cultural Council meeting next month at library

The Agawam Cultural Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam. The meeting is open to the public. There is no cost to join or serve.

Anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town should consider joining the Cultural Council. This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the mayor

and funded, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is looking for new members.

The Cultural Council is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities. For more information, visit [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

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Please email resume and three writing samples directly to Eileen Kennedy Managing Editor at [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).

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Turley Publications is seeking an energetic person to fill the position of staff writer for two of its weekly publications: the *Ware River News*, which covers Ware, Hardwick and Warren, and the *Quaboag Current*, which covers the Brookfields, Sturbridge and New Braintree. This full-time position is based in our Ware office at 80 Main St. The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills or the enthusiasm to develop them.

The staff writer will cover municipal meetings, features and general news; essentially everything that unfolds in small towns. Assignments will be for both newspapers as well as other companywide publications.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- Own camera and photography experience preferred
- Enthusiasm for community journalism
- Ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced environment

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# Calabrese to lead state municipal officials' group for 2020

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The other 10 Agawam city councilors know Cecilia Calabrese as their vice president, but for hundreds of councilors, selectmen, mayors and town managers across Massachusetts, she's now their president.

Calabrese took office last week as the first-ever Agawam resident to lead the Massachusetts Municipal Association, a professional group and advocacy organization for local government administrators and elected officials throughout the state. She had served as MMA vice president in 2019.

Although she takes seriously her duty to represent the MMA members from all of Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns, Calabrese said this week that she looks forward to using the "bully pulpit" to advocate for solutions to some of the problems affecting mid-sized towns like Agawam — special education funding, reimbursement for charter school tuition, Chapter 90 state funding for streets.

Leading the MMA "means I get to meet with the lieutenant governor on a monthly basis, and have some input on financial and legislative priorities," Calabrese said.

She said she'll try to use her influence on Beacon Hill to push for help with two of Agawam's biggest infrastructure needs — federally mandated upgrades and re-

pairs to the stormwater drain system, and the expansion of the sewer system through western Feeding Hills.

In an interview with the MMA website, Calabrese said her 2020 priorities include solutions to problems with solid waste disposal and recycling, sustainable infrastructure, and municipal pension liabilities, and promoting community composting, the protection of public waterways and groundwater, and innovation in education.

She said she appreciates the challenges of her role, after having observed 2019 MMA President Ellen Allen and other past presidents.

"I have learned that being on the leadership team of an organization such as the MMA, because of its very nature, brings with it an awesome responsibility to remember that I do not merely represent myself as an individual, or my community," Calabrese said. "Rather, I represent 351 cities and towns of Massachusetts, and the diverse opinions and sensitivities thereof."

Calabrese has a law degree from the Quinnipiac University School of Law, and has worked as a bankruptcy attorney and served as an assistant attorney general and on the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination's advisory board to fight housing discrimination. She ran her law firm for more than a decade, and now works as a dental hygienist and a residential and commercial property manager. She



Cecilia Calabrese campaigns outside Clark School during last November's Agawam town election.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL BALLWAY

previously had served on the Conservation Commission in Brookfield, Conn.

Calabrese has served as a city councilor in Agawam since 2004, with a two-year gap in 2010-11 after an unsuccessful bid for

mayor. She was the council's vice president during the 2008-09 term, and returned to that post alongside Council President Christopher Johnson in 2018. She joined the MMA Board of Directors in 2017.

Agawam City Council President Christopher Johnson congratulated Calabrese on her new statewide role during the Jan. 21 council meeting.

"It's a high honor," Johnson said. "I know she'll do an outstanding job."

Taking Calabrese's place as vice president of the MMA will be Adam Chapdelaine, town manager of Arlington since 2012. MMA Executive Director Geoff Beckwith expressed appreciation for the energy, thoughtfulness and experience that Calabrese and Chapdelaine bring.

"The MMA depends on strong leaders who can unite and mobilize our members in common cause to benefit every community across the state, and we are deeply grateful that Cece and Adam have stepped forward to provide that leadership," Beckwith told the MMA website. "With them at the helm, we know 2020 will be a great year for our cities and towns."

The MMA includes members of the Massachusetts Mayors' Association, Massachusetts Municipal Councillors' Association, Massachusetts Municipal Management Association, Massachusetts Select Board Association and Association of Town Finance Committees.

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didates for the positions," said Agawam Police Sgt. Steve Grasso, their supervisor. "They're valuable assets to the schools and to the Police Department."

He added that the department received "excellent feedback" from the AJHS administration about Hichborn's performance.

"The interaction between Officer Hichborn and students was extremely positive and was a contributing factor in his selection," Grasso said.

One reason Hartmann was chosen as a resource officer was her seven years of "positive relationships" with many high school-aged students as assistant girls varsity soccer coach.

"The officer-student interaction is paramount at the high school level — and we received positive feedback from high school administrators about Officer Hartmann. She has a calm demeanor which makes her very approachable," said Grasso.

Resource officers serve as mentors to students and also assist schools with issues that go beyond the scope of the School Department.

"They're encouraged to construct innovative ways for positive interactions between the officer and students. We want SROs to be accessible so students will use them as a resource," Grasso added.

According to Grasso, resource officers have been at Agawam High School for nearly 20 years, but it's only been the past several years that an officer was assigned at AJHS. He said officers have been in the school since the late 1980s, but primarily as Drug Abuse Resistance Education officers. Hichborn will handle both duties at AJHS.

Grasso said although resource officers work in the schools, they're still Police Department employees.

"SROs essentially act as a resource to the School Department. Basically, the school becomes the SRO's district (patrol area) and they patrol it like any other patrol officer," he explained.

Throughout the school year, Hartmann and Hichborn will work as school resource officers. During the summer break, they will return to patrol duty. Both said it hasn't been difficult to transition to a school-based policing program.

"My main role is to bridge the gap between the Police Department and the school," said Hichborn, who joined the Agawam Police four years ago after serving in the Navy. "It's different since I'm only dealing with juveniles all day, instead of all ages when I'm out on patrol," added Hartmann.

"I'm here to foster unique relationships that students can have with a law enforcement officer that may not be available to them in any other capacity," said Hichborn.



Agawam Police Officer Taylor Hartmann stands in front of a framed photo of her playing point guard for the AHS girls basketball team when she was a student.

PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

"Kids I've interacted with seemed to accept me fairly quickly."

Many seventh graders quickly interacted with him this fall because of their experience with Officer John Field, the middle school's resource officer and DARE officer. Hichborn said his main challenge is trying to get students to see past the uniform and the position of authority.

"I want them to realize that I'm here for them and that they're always welcome to interact with me in any way that makes them feel more comfortable," he added.

Hartmann joined the Agawam Police five years ago after working for the Hampden County Sheriff's Department as a correctional officer. She wants students to trust her so they can talk with her and come to her for help.

"I like to interact and talk to students during passing time between periods or if I stop in a classroom," she said. "I think it's easier for me to relate with students, since I'm only 10 years out of high school. I still remember what it was like to be a high school student."

In April, they will attend a 40-hour course run by the National Association of School Resource Officers. It will give them an in-depth understanding of the role and functions of resource officers, as well as provide tools and training to help them to continue building positive relationships with students and staff.



AJHS School Resource Officer Jeff Hichborn chats with a group of seventh graders during lunch earlier this month. From left are Allison Deveno, Jeremy Marcil, Kaden Callahan and Madison Gagnon.



Agawam police officer Jeff Hichborn took over as the school resource officer at AJHS in September. He replaces Officer Mark Poggi, who retired last spring.

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## Photo show entries due by next Weds.

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library will accept entries until Wednesday for the 10th annual Open Juried Photography Show.

Submission fees are \$30 per work. A prospectus and entry form may be downloaded from [www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends/#FriendsPhotoShow10](http://www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends/#FriendsPhotoShow10).

Show dates are Feb. 3-28. Juried entries will be exhibited at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Photographers may submit multiple entries per category, provided separate fees

are paid for each entry. Categories include creative, nature, photojournalism and pictorial. All images must be captured with light-sensitive material (either film or digital). Jury selections will be based on the review of the original images, not digital files. All images must be original, made by the photographer, and cannot be previous entries in Friends shows.

The selection and awards jurors are Sue Fenton and Kevin Fay. For more information, contact Bob Kadis at [r.kadis@comcast.net](mailto:r.kadis@comcast.net) or 413-789-4814.

## Worship this month with Wild Goose

Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." All are invited to join in song and prayer with Jack Yourous of Our Lady of the Lake in Southwick at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

The group will also continue the rest of

the series of the Wild Goose with the Rev. Dave Pivanka. This is a prayer group held on the second Monday of each month. Psalms 95:1 says, "Come, let us sing joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation."

For more information, call Pastoral Minister Deb Briancesco at 413-786-8200, ext. 3.

## K of C to serve fish on Fridays in Lent

The Agawam Knights of Columbus will host fish dinners at Sacred Heart Parish on Friday evenings in Lent.

They will serve baked fish, French fries, coleslaw, beverage and dessert 5-7 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 28, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, and April 3, at the church at 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. The cost is \$10 per person. Take-out is available.

Proceeds will assist the Knights of Columbus in their corporal and spiritual works of mercy, such as pro-life works, supporting churches, etc.

## Parishioner to share Holy Lands trip

Sacred Heart parishioner Susan Scantlen will lead a virtual trip through the Holy Lands this Thursday.

Scantlen will share images and stories of her two-week visit to Galilee and Jerusalem last November, including side trips to Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Tabgha, Bethany, Jericho, Bethlehem, the Via Dolorosa and Jaffa.

Her presentation is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, in the Parish Center at 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Donations will be accepted to support the Open Pantry, which serves Agawam, Feeding Hills and West Springfield.

## Credit unions collecting warm clothes

Through the end of January, credit unions are participating in Gift of Warmth, the 10th annual new clothing and blanket drive to benefit the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless.

Branch offices such as Freedom Credit Union at 959 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, and Holyoke Credit Union at 14 N.

Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will collect donations through Friday, Jan. 31. New blankets, warm clothing, hats, coats, gloves and scarves are welcome. This year, the drive is also accepting new pajamas for the first time. Since 2011, Massachusetts credit unions have donated more than 7,200 blankets to those in need throughout the state.

## Teen singer to entertain at Supper Club

Fifteen-year-old singer Alexis Anamisis will perform at the "Elegant Valentine's Evening" of the Supper Club at Agawam Congregational Church on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Her "Music of Love" performance will include songs like "Can't Help Falling In Love," "Hopelessly Devoted to You," "It Had to Be You" and Anamisis' signature song, "Where the Boys Are," among other romantic selections for the themed-evening.

"Folks are encouraged to wear something red, pink, purple or lavender for the evening's event," said Roberta Page, chairman of the church's supper clubs. "Alexis is extremely talented at such a young age. It should be a great evening that starts at 5 p.m. with the delectable, catered supper by Partners Restaurant, followed by a few door prizes and ending with the delightful, melodic voice of Alexis. This is the first supper where we have had entertainment."



Alexis Anamisis will perform "Music of Love" at the Supper Club at Agawam Congregational Church on Feb. 22. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY ROBERTA PAGE

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the church office at 413-786-7111 or Partners at 413-786-0975.

## Hockey goalie, exec to sign memoirs

Bruce Landon, a retired professional ice hockey goaltender who was the longtime part-owner, president and general manager of the Springfield Falcons of the American Hockey League, will sell and sign copies of his memoir "The Puck Stops Here — My (Not So) Minor League Life" at an event at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Landon's book is the inside story of his long and colorful hockey career. "The Puck Stops Here" is dedicated to the memory of Landon's daughter, Tammy Jacobson-Landon, who encouraged him to write the book, and who died of cancer in February 2019 at the age of 43.

All proceeds from book sales will go to the Tammy Jacobson-Landon "I Can Hear You Now" Scholarship Fund at Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech.

"The Puck Stops Here" may be purchased at the signing event, at the Springfield Thunderbirds team store during home games; Steve's Sports on Front Street in West Springfield; or by contacting Bruce Landon at [nlandon30@gmail.com](mailto:nlandon30@gmail.com) or 413-433-4625. The purchase price is \$19.95, including taxes; with shipping, \$24.

For more information about the book signing event, call the library at 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or register at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

## Comments sought on East-West Rail

SPRINGFIELD — The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will hold a second public meeting next month on the East-West Passenger Rail Study.

The meeting is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in Classroom 014 at the UMass Center at Springfield's Tower Square, 1500 Main St., Springfield. Validated parking in the Tower Square garage is available at \$5 per car; attendees are encouraged to park on Level A.

The study is examining the costs, benefits and investments necessary to implement a range of passenger rail service alternatives from Boston to Springfield and

Pittsfield, up to and including high-speed rail. The goal of the meeting is to inform attendees about the study's analysis of six preliminary alternatives for improving connectivity and mobility in the East-West Corridor, and to gather feedback about the six options and what attendees would like to see in the three final rail service alternatives that will be analyzed further.

The meeting will begin with a presentation at 6 p.m., following by time for questions and answers. For more information about the proposals, visit [www.mass.gov/east-west-passenger-rail-study](http://www.mass.gov/east-west-passenger-rail-study).

### PIPELINE ■ from page 1

the pipe," Hartman said.

Tennessee Gas' new pipeline would run along a corridor that already includes one active pipeline and one unused pipeline. The unused pipeline would be removed. The company needs to expand its easement — a legal permission to use someone else's property — both temporarily, for construction staging, and in some places permanently, to accommodate newer standards that demand a certain distance between two active pipelines. The current easement is generally 30 feet wide. The new one would be 20 additional feet.

The new pipe is 12 inches in diameter and would be laid three feet under the ground surface. The construction trench would be dug to 5 feet.

The new pipeline would run from the compressor station to a point near the west end of Silver Lake. It would join there with the existing pipeline, which continues to a gate station at Springfield Street, where it meets the low-pressure Columbia Gas distribution network.

Hartman said there are about 15 property owners along the route who are being asked to grant easements. Most of them have already agreed, he said. The City



Jim Hartman from Tennessee Gas Pipeline, right, answers questions at a City Council workshop meeting on Jan. 28. Sitting with him is Town Solicitor Stephen Buoniconti. PHOTO BY MICHAEL BALLYWAY

Council is involved only because the town needs to grant easements for pipeline work on town-owned lands, including the Department of Public Works-Municipal Annex property.

"If we can't work something out with the town, we're authorized by the [federal] certificate to take lands by eminent domain," said Hartman. "That's not our preference."

Eminent domain would be "a lengthier process, and an expensive process on both sides," said Buoniconti. As the size of the requested easement on town lands is about half an acre in the form of unbuildable lots, the likely payment would be less than the

\$150,000 that the mayor has negotiated with Tennessee Gas.

Council President Christopher Johnson emphasized that because Tennessee Gas has eminent domain powers, there is no action the town could take that would deny the gas company its federally permitted route. Agawam can accept the negotiated payment and expansion of the easement, or have its land taken by eminent domain. Challenging the eminent domain in court could only result in a different compensation price being paid, not in a reversal of the eminent domain taking, Johnson said.

Echoing comments made by pipeline

opponents at the Jan. 21 meeting, some councilors questioned the need for new pipeline infrastructure as the state and marketplace encourage more use of renewable energy sources. They questioned what would happen if natural gas retailers, such as Columbia Gas, decided they no longer needed the increased supply.

"We have contracts with Columbia," replied Hartman. "This is a major part of the project. There's a contractual obligation for them to be part of this. We're contractually obligated to build this pipeline, so we intend to build this pipeline."

Responding to a question raised by Councilor Gina Letellier last week, Town Solicitor Stephen Buoniconti said he'd heard "loud and clear" that the pipeline company's obligation not to hurt the land it crosses — and to repair any damage it does cause — must be written into the easement amendment.

The 261 Upgrade Project also involves replacing two older turbines at the compressor station, a 1965 model and a 1991 model, with one new, larger gas-powered turbine. Hartman said the new equipment will be quieter and more energy-efficient than the old turbines.

Although about a dozen residents attended the meeting, the council did not hear public comments.



# Mission series links Passion with elements of Catholic Mass

Deacon Roger Carrier will lead “Behold the Lamb of God: A Lenten Journey into the Mystery of the Mass as Eternal Sacrifice,” on Thursdays in March at Sacred Heart Church.

The mission series will explore the relationship between the Passion of Jesus Christ and his eternal sacrifice and the Roman Catholic Mass, by examining specific parts of the liturgy, praying through the texts and reflecting on Sunday readings.

Sessions will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Participants may wish to bring a Bible and missalette for reference. Handouts will be provided each week; every session will have a different theme:

**March 5:** “Prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.”

**March 12:** “By the mystery of this water and wine. ...”

**March 19:** “An acceptable sacrifice: My sacrifice and yours.”

**March 26:** “Behold the Lamb of God.”

Registration is required; participants must send their name and phone number to [pastoral.ministries@sacredheartfeedinghills.org](mailto:pastoral.ministries@sacredheartfeedinghills.org), or call Pastoral Minister Deb Brancesco at 413-786-8200, ext. 3. There is no registration fee, but free-will offerings will be graciously accepted. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Carrier is a teacher, seminar leader, college chaplain and spiritual director involved with sacramental preparation, lay ministry formation and diaconate formation, as well as the continuing education, formation and support of clergy.

# Ireland vacation to be raffled at ICC

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Irish Cultural Center of Western New England will hold a raffle to celebrate St. Brigid’s Day and the start of the Celtic spring. The first prize is an all-expenses-paid trip for two people on a group tour to Ireland hosted by the ICC.

The winner may select from several tour dates — early spring, September or October in 2020, or May 2021. The prize is transferable to another party. The second prize is a 14-karat gold St. Brigid’s cross necklace crafted by Brian de Staic Jewellers of Dingle, Ireland.

The raffle is \$20 per ticket. Cash, check or credit card are accepted. To purchase tickets, call 413-333-4951 or visit the ICC. Visit [www.IrishCenterwne.org](http://www.IrishCenterwne.org) for more information.

The drawing will take place Feb. 1 at the ICC’s Trinity Pub, 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield. The event begins at 6 p.m., with a welcome and remarks from the raffle committee and ICC president. Irish language teacher Yvonne de Faoite will give a brief history of St. Brigid. At 6:45 p.m., tickets will be drawn for the prizes. Winners need not be present.

The dinner that evening will be buffet only, \$25 per person. All those who attend the drawing will receive a free raffle ticket for a chance to win one of two \$100 gift certificates to the Irish House Restaurant and Trinity Pub. These winners must be present.

# Touring troupe brings ‘Macbeth’ to AHS

Agawam High School will once again be the venue for a performance by Shakespeare & Co. from Lenox.

On Wednesday morning, Feb. 12, this professional touring troupe will perform the Bard’s famous tragedy of “Macbeth.” This condensed, 90-minute performance is geared toward both students and adults. Several auditorium seats will be set aside for general admission, and all are welcome to attend, including homeschooled children and their parents. Admission is free, but tickets must be reserved in advance. For reservations, contact Tina Dunham at 413-783-0502, or [tinamarie154@yahoo.com](mailto:tinamarie154@yahoo.com).

Doors open to the public at 8:45 a.m. at the high school, 760 Cooper St., Agawam. The curtain rises at 9:15 a.m. Limited public parking will be available.

The Agawam Cultural Council is sponsoring this free performance as part of its “Give Back to the Community” program. The council, an all-volunteer agency, is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The council is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

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# March meeting on exit number plan

SPRINGFIELD — State transportation officials have scheduled additional meetings about the planned switch to mileage-based exit numbers on major highways.

After a first round of sessions was held in December, there will be at least one additional Western Massachusetts date this spring. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in Room 220 of City Hall, 36 Court St., Springfield. All are invited to learn more about the project and ask questions in person.

The conversion, planned to begin this summer, will affect most highways with exit numbers in Massachusetts, including Interstates 90 and 91.

For example, on the Massachusetts Turnpike, rather than running from Exit 1 in West Stockbridge to Exit 26 at Logan Airport, mileage-based exit numbers will start at 3 and end at 137. The current Exit 4, in West Springfield, will become Exit 45.

A handful of short expressways with closely spaced exits, including Interstates 291 and 391 in the Springfield area, will not see their numbers change. Highways without exit numbers, such as Route 57 in Agawam, will remain unnumbered.

The switch will bring most highways in Massachusetts, one of the last states in the country to number its exits sequentially, into compliance with 2009 federal standards. The project is expected to cost \$2.8 million, statewide, of which 90 percent will be paid by a federal grant. MassDOT officials have said if the exit numbers are not changed by 2022, Massachusetts could have its federal highway aid withheld.

MassDOT also plans to schedule additional meetings this spring and summer. For more information about the project, visit [www.NewMassExits.com](http://www.NewMassExits.com).

# Musical couple to give romantic concert

Just in time for Valentine’s Day, the Agawam Cultural Council’s Applause Series will present a program of romantic music for guitar, mandolin and cuatro on Friday, Feb. 7.

Romanza, a free performance by Connecticut husband-and-wife duo Judy Handler and Mark Levesque, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Handler and Levesque will transport the audience to different parts of the world with lilting Venezuelan vals, rhythmic Brazilian bossa novas, a sizzling tango from Argentina, Puerto Rican popular music played on the national instrument, beautiful Peruvian and Mexican love songs, as well as exciting flamenco music and plaintive Sephardic music from Spain.

The concert is sponsored by TD Bank. The Agawam Cultural Council also thanks the Agawam Special Police, Elaine Carlson, OMG Inc., TD Bank, and Way Finders Inc. for their support as Applause Series season sponsors.

Additional information on the Applause Series is available at the Agawam Cultural Council web site, [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org). The Senior Center can be reached at 413-821-0604.

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- 1. Fall down
- 5. American TV company (abbr.)
- 8. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 11. Gallantry
- 13. Chinese word signifying “doctrine”
- 14. Prefix meaning “beside”
- 15. Act of imitating
- 16. Tall, rounded vase
- 17. Sixth month of Jewish civil calendar
- 18. Rural Iranian village
- 20. Time zone
- 21. Military weapon (abbr.)
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Aggressive
- 30. Addressed one’s appearance
- 31. Affirmative
- 32. Denoting Indo-European
- languages
- 33. French noble family
- 38. Shock therapy
- 41. Having characteristics of both sexes
- 43. Large suitcase
- 45. One who identifies God with the universe
- 48. Swiss river
- 49. Frequently
- 50. Wipe out
- 55. Invests in little enterprises
- 56. Waste
- 57. Resembles a large shrimp
- 59. Derogatory name for rural resident
- 60. Menswear accessory
- 61. Tropical American tree
- 62. Pitching statistic
- 63. Camera type
- 64. Cardinal number that is the sum of five and one

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Surgical procedure of the heart (abbr.)
- 2. Northern Scandinavia indigenous person
- 3. Evergreen trees and shrubs
- 4. Meat from a domestic hog
- 5. State of insensibility
- 6. Herb
- 7. Annuity
- 8. San Diego-based ballplayer
- 9. Members of a Semitic people
- 10. Any physical damage
- 12. Woolen rug
- 14. Alsos Mission leader
- 19. Aromatic plant used as culinary herb
- 23. Where you sleep
- 24. Ruled Russia
- 25. Indicates density of data (abbr.)
- 26. Sea eagle
- 27. Type of light bulb
- 28. Wreath
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- 37. Romanian monetary unit
- 39. People treated as a group
- 40. Small European plant
- 41. First responder group
- 42. A person’s head
- 44. Giggle
- 45. Bura-\_\_: Chadic language
- 46. Snout moth genus
- 47. Body part
- 48. Inspirational Wimbledon champ
- 51. Revolutions per minute
- 52. American software developer
- 53. Ancient Greek city
- 54. Female sheep
- 58. “The Science Guy”

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# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

### Don't leave furry friends in the cold

While Mother Nature has surely been wishy-washy with the weather this winter, it's imperative we don't forget about our four-legged furry friends when it comes to their seasonal needs.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency has offered tips to help pet owners ensure they are being responsible caregivers during these chilly winter months in New England.

First, do not leave your pet outdoors when temperatures drop below freezing. You wouldn't want to be out there — why would the dog?

They need outdoor exercise, but take care not to keep them outdoors for lengthy periods of time during very cold weather. You may have a "cold-weather" breed of dog, but each pet is an individual, and those that live their lives mostly indoors need time to adapt to cold temperatures by building up a thicker coat and toughening their footpads for ice and snow.

Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.

Many dogs need boots in cold weather, regardless of their coat length. If your dog frequently lifts up its paws, whines or stops during walks, it may be demonstrating its feet are uncomfortably cold.

Boots can help protect from another winter hazard: road salt. If your pet walks on salted or chemically treated areas, be sure to wash its paws after your walk. Gently rub the bottom of the feet to remove these irritants as soon as your dog is off the road.

Other big dangers of the winter months are antifreeze and de-icing chemicals. Many types of antifreeze have a sweet taste that can attract animals, but if they ingest the chemical it may prove to be fatal. Always store antifreeze out of reach and clean up spills.

Speaking of cars, if you park outdoors, be sure to make sure there are no animals seeking warmth and shelter inside your car engine. Warm automobile engines are dangerous for cats and small wildlife. To avoid injuring hiding animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them off before starting your engine.

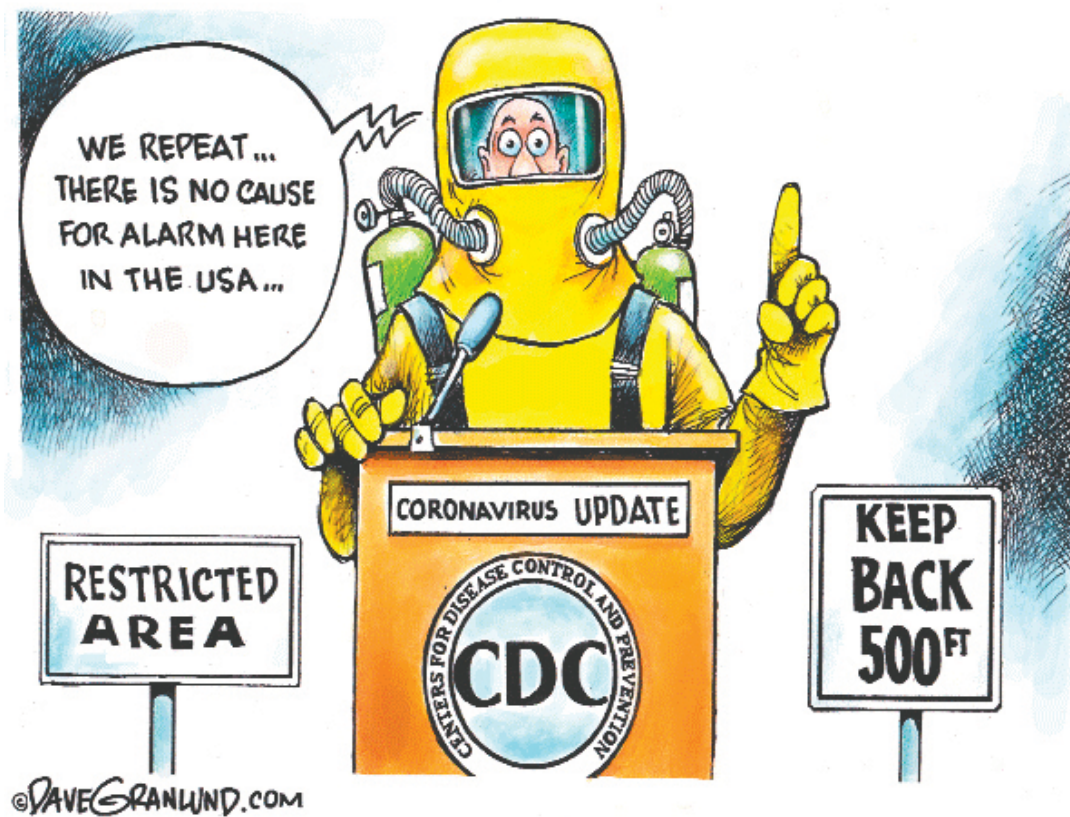
Keep pets on a leash when walking near suspected frozen bodies of water like lakes or ponds. The ice may not be sturdy enough to support its weight. If a pet falls through the ice, do not attempt to rescue it yourself; call 911 or go for help.

If your pet does stay outside during the winter months, be mindful of wind-chill. Outdoor dogs need a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow it to both sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to retain body heat.

The floor should be elevated a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The entrance of the doghouse should be turned to face away from prevailing winds, and the entrance should be covered with a flap of heavy waterproof fabric or heavy plastic.

But the best place for them is really inside with you, enjoying the warmth of the house.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com)



## IN THE GARDEN

### Garden with the seasons for an unbeatable display

How often have you visited an outdoor museum, amusement park or resort and felt inspired by the gardens or container plantings used to adorn the property? Chances are you may have even used an especially delightful display as a backdrop for a family photo or two. Tourist attractions such as these put "their best foot forward" each season of the year to awe their customers with spectacular combinations of unique plants, so that no matter when the visit is planned, the guest leaves with the feeling something special was done in their honor.

We can treat our home gardens in a similar fashion. Why not? Certainly we deserve to have exceptional plantings, for our own enjoyment and for the "wow-factor" they will elicit from our friends. So instead of utilizing border plantings that provide only glimpses of color in the spring, summer and fall, devote entire beds to the showiest plants available for the time of year and change them with the seasons.

These types of gardens don't have to be very large, but they do have to be situated for optimal effect. Think "location, location, location!" If you have a long driveway, consider placing a "welcome garden" just as you turn down the path. Since it will be viewed from a distance, and from a single vantage point, make the bed more wide than narrow, and raise the height of the soil in the back of

the bed a bit for a multidimensional appearance. Utilize large, bold flowers, bright colors and strong foliage forms; these will capture the eye en route.

Which door do you or guests normally use to enter and exit the house? Plant a small garden nearby, one that can be admired up close, each time you pass by it. Here, the intricacies of color and form can be fully appreciated, whereas in the garden out front they would be lost. Experiment with a variety of flower and foliage shapes and color schemes. Don't be afraid to use delicate or small flowers, or those that are mottled or two-tone. Likewise, variegated and cut-leaf foliage can make for interesting inspection if properly paired with surrounding plants.

Similar beds or container plantings can be planned for patio or pool-side, or for other areas within the landscape that might be suitable for entertaining. Simply tailor the gardens to the timeframe in which these locations are used most often, and choose your plants accordingly.



Roberta McQuaid

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## Our Back Pages

From yesteryear's editions of the Agawam Advertiser News, compiled by Michael Ballway.

**A year ago:** Former Fire Chief Russell "Rusty" Jenks died, at age 87, on Jan. 31, 2019. Jenks joined the Agawam Fire Department in 1954 and was chief from 1981 to 1993. In his retirement, he often drove an antique fire truck in Agawam parades and celebrations. He was also a member of the Western Massachusetts Model A Club and Agawam Historical Society.

**Five years ago:** Mark Del Negro will begin shooting his new horror film in Western Massachusetts on Jan. 30, 2015, but won't say exactly where, to avoid drawing a crowd. The Agawam native's previous film, "Blood Res-

ervoir," was shot largely in town. The new film was revealed later to be "Aleister," which included two scenes in Feeding Hills.

**Ten years ago:** School Superintendent Mary Czajkowski is calling for a committee to find a replacement for the Early Childhood Center, reported the Feb. 4, 2010, Agawam Advertiser News. The Perry Lane pre-kindergarten "was intended to be a temporary facility 20 years ago," she said, and is "not a building that is conducive to the needs of the students that it houses." Ten years later, the ECC is still at Perry Lane, though the School Department has begun planning to move pre-kindergarten to the elementary schools.

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# Schools & Youth

## School Lunch

All lunches served with fresh and chilled fruit. Instead of the main entrée, students can substitute a deluxe salad or the sandwich of the day.

**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL**  
High schoolers can also substitute a pizza meal for their entrée.  
**Monday, Feb. 3:** Cheeseburger, Boston baked beans, chips, cucumber and tomato salad; or popcorn chicken bowl, whipped potatoes, corn niblets, dinner roll.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 4:** Asian chicken, rice mandarin, broccoli, fortune cookie; or mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, celery and cumber with dip, garlic knot.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 5:** Chicken fillet wrap with assorted sauce, lettuce, tomato, cheese, side of coleslaw.  
**Thursday, Feb. 6:** Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing; or pasta with meatballs, garlic knot, seasoned vegetables.  
**Friday, Feb. 7:** Turkey and gravy, whipped potato, seasoned corn, dinner roll; or beef taco boat, shredded lettuce and tomato, shredded cheese, salsa, sour cream, rice and beans.

**AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
ROBERTA DOERING SCHOOL  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
**Monday, Feb. 3:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, green beans, low-fat Dorito chips.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 4:** Turkey bacon club sandwich, shredded romaine lettuce and tomato, sweet potato fries.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 5:** Pasta with meat sauce, garlic bread stick, steamed broccoli.  
**Thursday, Feb. 6:** Texas toast grilled cheese, carrot sticks, tomato soup, Goldfish crackers.  
**Friday, Feb. 7:** Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, garden salad with chickpeas, carrots with dip, cookie.

**BREAKFAST**  
The daily breakfast entrée menu was not available at press time. All breakfasts include assorted cold cereal, muffins and pastries, cheese sticks, fresh fruit and orange juice.  
**Serving times:** High school, 7 a.m.; junior high, 7:15 a.m.; Granger, 7:55 a.m.; Doering, 8:10 a.m.; Phelps, 8:20 a.m.; Robinson Park, 8:30 a.m.; Clark, 8:35 a.m.

## Lacrosse signup deadline is Friday

The late registration deadline for this year's Agawam Parks and Recreation Department youth lacrosse teams is this Friday.

The brochure for winter Park and Rec programs is available at [www.agawam.ma.us/255/Parks-Recreation](http://www.agawam.ma.us/255/Parks-Recreation). Registrations must be done in person during business hours at the Municipal Annex, 1000 Suffield St., Agawam, and online at [www.agawam.ma.us/256/Online-Recreation-Registration](http://www.agawam.ma.us/256/Online-Recreation-Registration).

Players must play in the division that corresponds with their current grade level: 1-2, mites; 3-4, bantam; 5-6, junior; and 7-8, senior.

Boys lacrosse players must provide their own helmet (no hockey helmets), mouth guard, shoulder pads, arm pads, gloves, stick and cup. Practices start in April. The late registration cost is \$75 for returning

mites and bantams with their 2018-19 uniform (\$115 for new players or those who need a new uniform), \$175 for returning juniors and seniors with their 2018-19 uniform (\$215 for new players or those who need a new uniform). All players and parents must attend a mandatory meeting on Feb. 12.

Girls lacrosse divisions and registration schedule are the same as in boys lacrosse. Players must provide their own stick, mouth guard and eyewear. The cost is \$115 for mites and bantams, \$175 for juniors and seniors. The mandatory player and parent meeting is Feb. 11. At that time, all registered players will be invited to participate in a preseason program at an additional fee.

The Parks and Rec office is open Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 413-821-0513.

## Library pajama drive starts Feb. 1

The Agawam Public Library will partner with the Boston Bruins to collect new children's and teen pajamas from Feb. 1 to March 15.

These pajamas will then be given to local

Department of Children and Families agencies and distributed to families who need them. Pajamas may be dropped off after Feb. 1 in the Children's Room at the library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

## Sign up now for parent-child dances

Registrations are due Friday for this spring's parent-child dances.

Signups will be taken both in person during business hours at the Municipal Annex, 1000 Suffield St., Agawam, and online at [www.agawam.ma.us/256/Online-Recreation-Registration](http://www.agawam.ma.us/256/Online-Recreation-Registration), through Jan. 31.

At each event, the parent and child will enjoy fun, games and dancing, hors d'oeuvres, punch, soda and dessert. Each couple will receive a carnation, gifts and a professional photo to be mailed home at a later date. These events are for children in kindergarten or older, accompanied by a parent.

The Father-Daughter Dance will be 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at Oak Ridge Golf Club, 850 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. The cost is \$70 per couple, and \$15 per additional child.

Instead of a specific mother-son dance,

Parks and Rec will hold a Family Dance, open to moms with their sons and daughters, dads with their sons and daughters, or both parents with the kids. This dance will be 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, also at Oak Ridge. The cost is \$70 for one or two parents with one child, and \$15 per additional child.

No registrations for either dance will be taken after Jan. 31.

Parks and Recreation, along with the Agawam Lions Club and Agawam Rotary Club, will also sponsor a free Easter egg hunt on April 4 at School Street Park. More information will be available in March.

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### CAMPUS NOTES

**Centenary University:** Sophia Corradina Strain of Agawam was named to the fall 2019 dean's list at Centenary University in Hackettstown, N.J.

**Coastal Carolina:** Max Motta, a management major from Agawam, was named to the fall 2019 dean's list at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

**Northeastern University:** Jessica Fedor and Jeremy Venne of Agawam, and Sydney Carra of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall 2019 dean's list at Northeastern University in Boston.

**SNHU:** Juste Gavelyte of Agawam and Hayley Sotolotto of Feeding Hills were named to the fall 2019 president's list at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, N.H. Sydney Cofer of Feeding Hills was named to the dean's list.

**UNH:** Three Agawam students were named to

the fall 2019 dean's list at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H. Sierra Kruser, majoring in neuroscience and behavior, and Caroline Wysocki, majoring in occupational therapy, earned highest honors. Brendan Garvey, majoring in earth sciences, earned high honors.

**WNEU:** Courtney Shea of Agawam was among the 45 business students welcomed into Western New England University's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society on Nov. 1, 2019. Shea is majoring in management and leadership.

*Campus Notes are compiled from school press releases and parent submissions. To share your student achievement news, ask your school's press office to send an email to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).*

### AHS COUNSELING BULLETIN

**Scholarship information**  
Students should see their counselor or visit the websites below for more information or an application.

The Red Pine Scholarship awards as much as \$20,000 annually to students from low- to middle-income families in Massachusetts, for tuition assistance, mentoring, and other flexible financial supports. More information and application instructions are available at [tpi.org/scholarship/red-pine-scholars-program](http://tpi.org/scholarship/red-pine-scholars-program). Applications are due Feb. 14.

Tenaska, founded in 1987, is a privately held energy company committed to being good neighbors in the communities where its plants are located. To express that commitment, scholarships are offered through the high schools located in the counties with plant operations (Berkshire Power Company in our area). Applicants must be a 2020 graduating high school senior who plan to attend a two- or four-year post-secondary education program at an accredited institution. The scholarship amount is \$1500, and applications, which are available in Naviance, are due Friday, Feb. 14.

The Yawkey Scholars Program is designed to make college affordable for talented and motivated students from Massachusetts. It provides a four-year renewable tuition scholarship to a Massachusetts private college. Students must meet specific financial guidelines to be eligible. Applications are available at [grantinterface.com/yawkey/common/logon.aspx](http://grantinterface.com/yawkey/common/logon.aspx) and are due Feb. 14. Direct any questions to Elaines Pena at 617-338-5897 or [yawkey@tpi.org](mailto:yawkey@tpi.org).

Applications are now available for the Robert Bruno "5K Grand Sorriso" Gold Scholarship, created to honor Robert Bruno and his love of golf. Scholarship amounts are \$5,000 and \$2,000 and will be awarded to graduating AHS seniors who attended Agawam schools and who have demonstrated excellent character and involvement with the AHS Golf Team. Skill level in playing golf is not a criterion. Application forms and instructions are available in Naviance and must be postmarked on or before Feb. 28.

The William R. Rooney Scholarship is available

to high school seniors from Hampden County who have been on an IEP or 504 plan for two years. Visit [horacesmithfund.org](http://horacesmithfund.org) for an application. Applicants must identify their application as specifically for the William R. Rooney Scholarship. The deadline is March 15.

The Walter S. Barr Scholarship is available to residents to Hampden County who are members of the senior class at their local public or private secondary schools. Awards will be made on the basis of all available information, including school records, recommendations and examination scores. Awards will be continued through the four-year course if the student's record and need justify such continuance. Consideration will be given to both the merit and financial need of the applicant. See [horacesmithfund.org](http://horacesmithfund.org) for details. The deadline is March 15.

Professional Women in Construction, Connecticut Chapter, will offer approximately 15 scholarships to students (male or female) enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree programs in construction, construction management, interior design, architecture, landscape design, or civil, mechanical, structural, and electrical engineering. The application is available at [pwcusa.org/chapters/about-connecticut/connecticut-scholarship/](http://pwcusa.org/chapters/about-connecticut/connecticut-scholarship/) and is due March 25.

Applications are now available for the Emily K. Dushane Memorial Foundation Scholarship. Applicants must be graduating from Agawam High School in 2020 and must be attending a college or university (full-time) this fall. Applications are available in Naviance and are due by April 1.

Applications are now available for the Franco Liquori Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be an Agawam High School graduate and must have attended Benjamin Phelps School. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate need and academic ability. Scholarships will be made to one male and one female. The committee may require a personal interview. Applications are available in Naviance and must be submitted by April 1.

The Agawam Rotary Club awards the Ray and Reita McCarroll Memorial Scholarship scholar-

ships to seniors from Agawam and West Springfield. The Selection Committee will choose students who best exemplify Rotary's principal motto, "Service Above Self," and who show leadership abilities and a desire to make a contribution to their home, school, community and country. The applicant must be a high school senior residing in Agawam or West Springfield and be attending or scheduled to attend an accredited academic or technical college in the month of September following graduation from high school. Applications must be forwarded no later than April 1. Please see Naviance for an application.

The Agawam Rotary Club awards scholarships to seniors residing in Agawam, including the Beverly M. Ladizki and David A. Ladizki Scholarship. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior residing in Agawam with intent to attend law school. Applicants must be scheduled to attend an accredited academic college or university in the month of September following graduation from high school. The application deadline is April 1 and is available in Naviance.

The Agawam Soccer Association Scholarship application is now available. All applicants must be seniors who have participated in ASA soccer as a player and/or other ASA soccer-related activity such as coaching or refereeing. A grade average of B or higher must be maintained. Applications are available in Naviance and are due before April 1.

The Agawam Soccer Association Sullivan Family Scholarship application is now available. All applicants must be seniors who have participated in ASA soccer as a player and/or other ASA soccer-related activity such as coaching or refereeing. Applicants must have had a parent or close relative who participated in Agawam Soccer as a coach, assistant coach, board member, or tournament volunteer. A grade average of B or higher must be maintained. Applications are available in Naviance and are due before April 1.

The Agawam Soccer Association Christopher Knight Scholarship application is now available. All applicants must be seniors who have participated in the ASA soccer program. Applications are avail-

able in Naviance and are due before April 1.

The Agawam Soccer Association Rich Parolo Scholarship application is now available. All applicants must be seniors who have participated in ASA soccer for at least four years, AHS soccer for at least two years, and participated in extra-curricular soccer-related activities such as coaching, assistant coaching or refereeing. A grade average of B or higher must be maintained. Applications are available in Naviance and are due before April 1.

The Andrew Gallano Scholarship for the Arts will be awarded to an Agawam resident going to college to pursue a degree in the cultural arts, including (but not limited to) painting, drama, languages, music, dance, journalism, architecture, and graphics. Applications are posted in Naviance and are due by April 1.

The Arthur J. Leary Scholarship will be presented to an Agawam resident who will be pursuing a degree in business management beginning the September after high school graduation. See Naviance for an application. Applications must be received by April 1.

The Charles H. Heyl Vocational/Technical Scholarship/Grant is designed to financially assist an individual in obtaining an education related to a vocational/technical career or to grant an individual the amount of the scholarship for the purpose of purchasing tools or equipment to become established in his/her trade. The applicant need not be a high school senior. The applicant must be a resident of Agawam. Applications are available in Naviance and must be submitted no later than April 1.

The Chicopee Savings Bank Charitable Foundation is pleased to invite Agawam High School to participate in its annual scholarship awards program. One applicant will be selected to receive a \$3,000 scholarship award. Applications are available in Naviance and must be submitted to the Counseling Center no later than April 1. Applications are then reviewed by the counseling department to ensure you meet the Foundation's eligibility requirements, with the winner notified during the month of May.



# Schools & Youth

## Phelps pupils dress for future success on Spirit Day

By Mike Lydick  
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Last Friday, students at the Phelps Elementary School held a Spirit Day called Future Day. It gave students the opportunity to wear something related to a profession they would like to work in when they grow up.

Students dressed for a variety of professions, but the most popular one appeared to be law enforcement, including several

kindergartners dressed as various types of police officers who even handed out citations to their classmates.

Among the other professions students chose were pastry chef, artist, soccer player, basketball player, engineer, martial arts instructor, veterinarian, animal trainer, safari leader, and one that was perhaps a bit unusual — paleontologist. That's a scientist who studies animal fossils.

This is the second year the school held a Future Day.

"We've always had Spirit Days, but we wanted to offer additional and new days for students," said Rhonda Typrocicz, one of the

school's special education teachers.

She added that the idea for Future Day came from a discussion among the school's instructional leadership team about school-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) activities. Students earn "Cool Coupons" for good behavior that they can use to "pay" for optional activities like Future Day.

The school usually holds two different Spirit Days each month to reward students at the K-4 school for their good behavior. Other Spirit Day activities have included Crazy Hat Day, Crazy Hair Day, and Red, White and Blue Day (held near Memorial Day).



Left: Wearing the jersey of Boston Celtics player Gordon Hayward, Ryan Shea demonstrates his basketball dribbling skills in the hallway at Phelps School. The 10-year-old is a big basketball fan who dreams of playing for the Celtics. PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



Lola Berthiaume and Benjamin Zaborowski, both 8, are looking for adventures and animals in their future careers. Lola, left, wore a T-shirt that proudly proclaimed, "I want to be a paleontologist," a scientist who studies animal fossils. "I want to dig up bones because it's about the history of animals," she said. Benjamin — ready to explore the forests of Africa — said he wants to lead safaris: "I want to study animals. I'd like to find an elephant to study."



Tough-looking 6-year-olds, from left, Bowen Williams, Jack Winiarski and Gavin Minalga strike a pose in the hallway at Phelps School in their mock Army outfits. They dressed as soldiers because they like the "cool" uniforms and vests.



Don't mess with Aubrey Lamontagne. The 8-year has been studying taekwondo for about a year and already has earned a green belt. She wants to be an instructor of Korean martial arts when she grows up: "I love doing taekwondo and I want to get really good so I can teach others."



Dressed in a white coat and holding a pink stethoscope, Emmalina Decaro checks out her favorite stuffed animal, a rabbit named Strawberry. The 8-year-old loves helping animals and one day wants to be a veterinarian: "I like animals. I want to help them and treat them when they're sick."



These kindergartners stand ready to protect and serve their classmates during Future Day at Phelps School. Dressed as various types of police officers, from left, John "J.J." Znoj, 5, Elliott Tomaiho, 6, Porter Tower, 5, Lilly Sullivan, 6, Brentley Preston, 6, Ayaan Sherwani, 6, and Macksen Smyth, 6, cited a variety of reasons their career hopes. Several said they wanted to follow in the footsteps of their fathers, others said it's because police officers help people, and one said "they drive cool cars with lights and sirens."



Dressed in firefighting gear, Isabel Dushane one day hopes to become a firefighter just like her dad, an officer in the Agawam Fire Department. "I like firefighters because they save lives," she added.



One of 9-year-old Payton Ramirez's favorite sports is soccer. That's why when she's older she wants to be a professional soccer player like one of her heroes — and often called one of the best soccer players in the world — F.C. Barcelona forward Leo Messi, whose No. 10 jersey she is wearing.

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# SPORTS

## MIAA

### Statewide tournament proposal coming down to final vote

*Editor's note: This is the first of a four-part series to break down the statewide tournament proposal, what it is, its effect on the Western Mass. region, the challenges, and how your athletic directors and coaches feel about it.*

By Tim Peterson  
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FRANKLIN — A major proposal is coming to a final vote, which could change the way Massachusetts high school sports competes in postseason.

Depending on the outcome of a vote scheduled to be held at a special assembly meeting on Feb. 28, there could be major changes made to the tournament format. If the proposal is passed, all four sectional (North, South, Central, West) tournaments would be eliminated and replaced by a statewide tournament.

New divisional alignments for all sports are part of the proposal.

A majority vote by the 380 member schools will be needed in order for the proposal to pass.

The members of the MIAA's Tournament Management Committee held a press conference at the MIAA office in Franklin on Jan. 9 to discuss the new proposal, which they've been working on since 2016.

"I'm all about history. I love traditions," said Westborough High School athletic director Johanna DiCarlo, a member of the TMC. "I also think it's time to move this a little bit forward. We can create something here, an incredible opportunity for the association to change the way we're doing business and create something special for our kids and our communities."

The other members of the TMC, who attended the press conference, were former Saint John's Prep (Danvers) Athletic Director James O'Leary, MIAA liaison Sherry Bryant, and Burlington High School Athletic Director Shaun Hart. No representatives from Western Massachusetts at the press conference.

A few weeks ago, the MIAA Board of Directors voted 14-3 in favor of holding a vote for the new statewide tournament at a site to be determined on Feb. 28.

If the new tournament plan is approved, it would start in the fall of 2021.

The TMC plan calls for many sports to be divided into five divisions. Tennis, field hockey, lacrosse will have four divisions. Boys ice hockey will have three, while girls ice hockey and boys volleyball will have two. Just like the current tournament format, each high school will be put into a division based on their enrollment.

## HOCKEY

### Agawam offense struggles against Belchertown

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AMHERST — All of the Belchertown hockey players who played in the only meeting of the regular season against Agawam performed very well, especially several members of the freshmen class.

While a couple of the Orioles freshmen led the way offensively, senior goaltender Ethan Rajpold made a total of 31 saves in posting a 4-0 shutout victory over the Brownies under the bright lights of the UMass Mullins Center main arena, last Thursday night.

"Our freshmen played a great game tonight," said Belchertown head coach Matt Crutch. "James Greene scored two goals. Francis Henderson set one up and scored another one. Cody Samson and James Delaney, who are two of our defensive men, also played a lot of minutes. All of the freshmen have been working very hard and we really don't consider them to be freshmen at this point of the season. It was a total team effort tonight."

The Orioles (5-3-1) played their first game inside the Mullins Center main arena since 2018. They normally play all of their home games next door at the practice rink.

"It's always very nice to play a game in the main arena," Crutch said. "A lot of our guys have watched the UMass hockey team play here during the past couple of years. It's a very special place to play a game."

Two years ago, the Orioles celebrated senior day by defeating rival Amherst, 3-2, on the same



Andrew Grasso takes a faceoff for the Brownies. PHOTO BY LISA THOMAS-DUFRESNE

ice surface.

Rajpold was also the Orioles starting goalie in that match and he was credited with 23 saves against the Hurricanes.

It was the first time Agawam (3-8-2) has ever played a regular season game inside the main arena.

"Our kids really enjoyed play-

ing here tonight," said Agawam head coach Rich Feeley. "They probably would've enjoyed it a little bit more had we won the game. We did have a few scoring chances in the first period, but we were unable to finish them off."

The Brownies outshot the Orioles, 13-5, in the opening period.

At the start of the game, a shot attempt by an Agawam player sailed into the net, but it was disallowed by the referee because of a high stick.

About 10 minutes later, Agawam sophomore Nathan Mans-

## WRESTLING

### Brownies' lighter weights struggle, fall to Mahar

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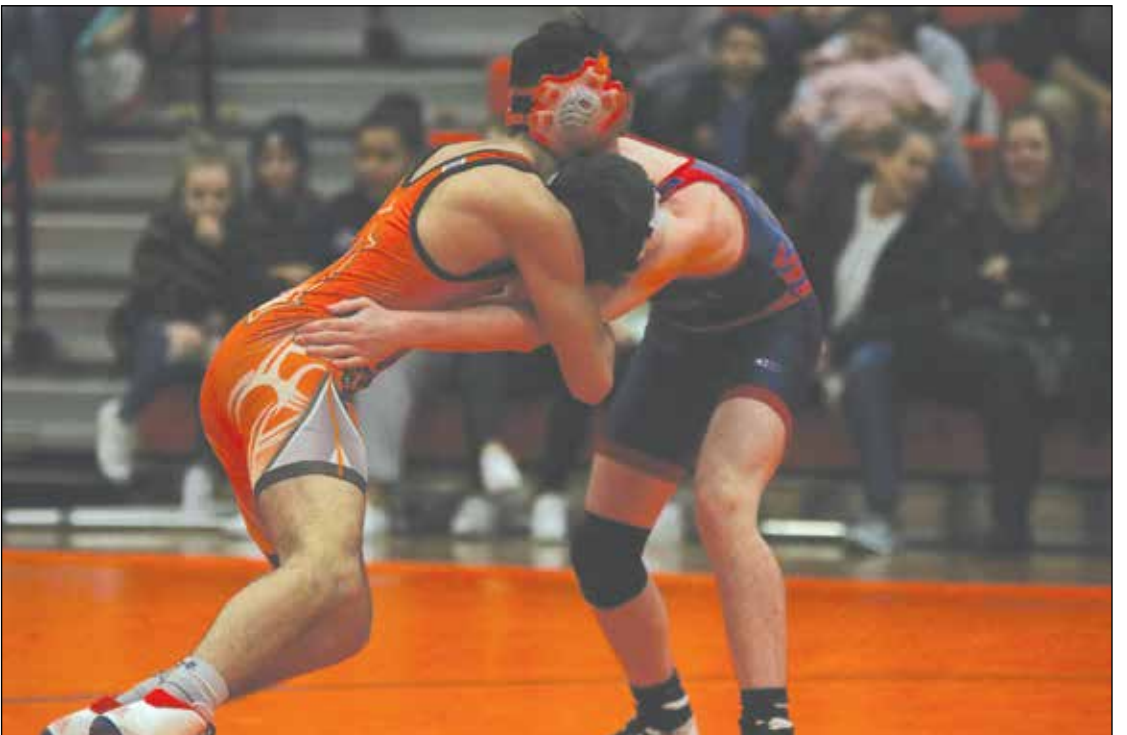
While Agawam has been building a deeper team, inexperience is still a factor as the Brownies found themselves on the losing end of a tough meet against Division 3's Mahar Regional High School last Thursday evening.

For Agawam, there was something to celebrate, and that was the first meet at home all season long. Agawam's indoor teams had been shut out of the gymnasium for the past several months due to there being no bleachers for fan seating. A delay in the replacement bleachers led to the Athletic Department having to move all home contests away from Agawam High starting with the girls volleyball team last fall.

The bleacher project was completed just a couple of weeks ago, and it was Agawam's first opportunity to host a meet all season against the Senators.

And Mahar did an excellent job taking it to the lighter weights in the meet as Agawam lacks experienced wrestlers at that level.

Mahar took the first six matches before Andrew Maslansky picked up the first win of the night when he won his match at



Ethan Sullivan locks up with his opponent in the 126-pound match. PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

145 pounds. He picked up a first period pinfall when he scored a takedown, tried to roll his opponent over for a pin and was nearly pinned himself before getting the win.

One of Agawam's other wins

came at 170 pounds as Tom Caracciolo was a victor due to an injury forfeit. Caracciolo was already up big thanks to a couple of good takedowns and multiple nearfalls. He also scored a reversal to open up the second period.

But his last pin attempt resulted in a slight shoulder injury for his opponent. Not wanting to take any chances, his coach pulled him from the match and Caracci-



Sports

The Week Ahead

<b>Boys Basketball</b>		
Thursday, Jan. 30	Home	Chicopee Comp 7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 3	Away	Minnechaug 7 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>		
Friday, Jan. 31	Away	Belchertown 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4	Home	West Springfield 7 p.m.
<b>Ice Hockey</b>		
Saturday, Feb. 1	Away	Minnechaug 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4	Home	Westfield 8:30 p.m.
<b>Indoor Track</b>		
Friday, Jan. 31	Away	TBD 6:45 p.m.
<b>Wrestling</b>		
Tuesday, Feb. 4	Away	Putnam 7 p.m.

Points format announced for Modified Series

**By Kyle Souza**

SEEKONK – Tri-Track Open Modified Series officials announced on Wednesday the point standings structure that will be used for the 2020 season.

As part of six events, drivers will tally points in each feature. In 2020, the champion will be decided by taking the best five out of six point totals a driver receives. Drivers will no longer be required to attend all six events to score the championship, but with a drop race factored into the totals, the new format allows for a driver to have a miscue, while still being in contention for the title.

“This will give drivers a bit more of a buffer in case something goes wrong at one of the races,” Wayne Darling, one of two Managing Partners of the Tri Track Open Modified Series, said. “This is just one of many announcements we will have over the next few months. We’re looking forward to getting the season underway in May.”

The entire point fund for the season totals \$15,000 in prize money, with the top 15 spots in the final standings set to earn a bonus.

The series also announced that registrations for the season are open and rules have been posted to the website. Teams can register and see rules by visiting the all-new Tri Track Open Modified Series website, tritrackmods.com, and visiting the team info page.

If race teams complete the registration for the full season between January 16 and March 31, the charge is just \$450 for six events.

Any full season registrations made after March 31 will be \$550. For those competitors interested in just registering for one event, the cost is \$150 per event. Teams can send registration payment to the Tri Track PayPal account, info@tritrackmods.com, through the website.

After just a few days, more than a handful of teams have already entered. Owner Stan Mertz has entered with Woody Pitkat set to return behind the wheel, while upcoming racers Ryan Doucette and Dylan Izzo are also on the list. Joey Cipriano, a regular in Stafford Motor Speedway’s SK Modified division joins them, along with others. The list is growing daily.

The 2020 schedule begins on Saturday, May 2, when drivers will take to the high banks of Monadnock Speedway in Winchester, N.H., to open the year. After that, a stop at Claremont Speedway on Memorial Day weekend (May 24), is followed by the annual Open Wheel Wednesday at Seekonk Speedway, the only mid-week show, on Wednesday, July 1. The final three races include the annual SBM 125 at Star Speedway (July 25), Monadnock Speedway (Aug. 15) and the annual Haunted Hundred at Seekonk Speedway (Oct. 24), where the champion will be crowned.

Red Sox Winter Weekend comes to Western Mass. for a great fan experience

SPRINGFIELD – Two weeks ago, the precursor to Spring Training came to the area as Springfield’s MGM hosted Boston Red Sox Winter Weekend. Fans who attended the weekend had an opportunity to participate in many activities, meet former and current Red Sox players, and see memorabilia on display. There were also panel discussions, autograph sessions, and meet and greets. Of note, the Red Sox’s four World Series trophies were on display. Fans could view and have their photograph taken with the trophies, won in 2004, 2007, 2013, and 2018. It was the first time the Winter Weekend has come to the region.



Gabriella Gamsby, 3, throws a ball off a child-size mound. Her father, Mathias, helps her with her “pitching motion.” Both are residents of Palmer.



Various Red Sox players and TV personalities were in attendance. Here, a fan is photographed with Red Sox dugout correspondent Guerin Austin.



A Red Sox entertainer on stilts performs with his ukulele for spectators. The stilt performers are normally milling around Fenway Park on game days. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Among the many activities for children at the event was consoles set up to play MLB '20, the Show.



Right Gold Gloves won by current and former Red Sox players are displayed. The gloves are real baseball gloves painted gold.

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er had a breakaway opportunity, but Rajpold made the save keeping the match scoreless.

The Brownies also failed to score a goal on a first period power-play.

“I thought we came out flat in the first period, but Ethan made a couple of big saves, which kept us in the game. He’s our senior captain and that’s what we expect from him,” Crutch said. “We then put our third line out there at the start of the second period and those guys really set the tone for the rest of the period. Everyone else just fed off of them.”

The members of the Belchertown third line were freshman Ryan Fernandes, sophomore Terrell LaDue, and sophomore Aiden Mugford.

The Orioles got on the scoreboard at 3:58 of the second period on a breakaway goal by Greene, which was assisted by Henderson.

“After Francis sent me a long pass, I beat the defender and then put a shot over the goalie’s pad,” said Greene, who netted his first career varsity goal. “It was just a great feeling to score my first varsity goal, especially on a breakaway.”

Greene was recently moved up to the Orioles second line.

“We knew James Greene was a very

talented offensive player,” Crutch said. “He has also played very well at the defensive end of the ice as well.”

Greene’s line mates against Agawam were junior Colby Masse and Henderson.

Agawam senior goalie Nick Brady (19 saves) did make a couple of outstanding saves during the final two minutes of the second period keeping the score 1-0.

“Nick is a very good goalie,” Feely said. “He always works very hard in every game. It just wasn’t our night tonight.”

The score remained 1-0 until the 8:26 mark of the third period when Henderson scored a goal. The Orioles second goal was assisted by Masse and Greene.

Less than five minutes later, Greene scored his second goal of the match on his own rebound shot.

Senior Francis Nigro, a member of the Orioles first line with senior Chris Buffone and sophomore Andrew Fijal, capped off the scoring with an open net goal with 24.7 seconds remaining in the game.



Mitch Drewnowski gets ready to make a pass into the offensive zone. PHOTO BY LISA THOMAS-DUFRESNE

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Sports

Thunderbirds pick up win over Tigers before break

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (25-19-2-0) scored the final four goals of the night in knocking off the Bridgeport Sound Tigers (15-25-4-1) by a final score of 6-2 on Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 6,793 inside the Mass-Mutual Center.

The first period was a shooting gallery from start for each of the Atlantic Division foes, but Jared Coreau in the Bridgeport net and Sam Montembeault in the T-Birds crease had answers for 16 shots each in the opening period.

Springfield had the only two special teams chances in the period, but the power play could not dent Coreau despite extended pressure on the man advantage.

The middle period finally cracked the goal-scoring seal, and a wild 20-minute session ensued, beginning with rookie Jake Massie beating Coreau from the high slot to give Springfield the 1-0 advantage at 7:12 of the period.

Just 2:01 later, the Sound Tigers tied the game under controversial circumstances. Bobo Carpenter intercepted a pass from Montembeault and fired it right back at the T-Birds netminder. A whistle sounded right as Cole Bardreau slipped the puck into the empty net, but the goal stood. T-Birds coach Geordie Kinnear got into a heated discussion with the officials, to which the crowd responded to an enormous roar.

From that point forward, the T-Birds

exerted their will. Owen Tippett recorded the first of three points as he turned the left-wing corner and snapped a shot underneath Coreau's legs to make it 2-1 at 12:32 of the period. Bridgeport would not go quietly, though, as Grant Hutton beat Montembeault on a long-range wrister at 17:00 to tie the game again, 2-2.

2:10 after that, with less than a minute to go in the period, Dryden Hunt carried the puck into the offensive zone on a 2-on-1 with Adam Rockwood, and after being stopped at first, he snapped a shot home from the bottom of the right circle to put Springfield up for good, 3-2 at 19:10.

After fending off an early Bridgeport push, the T-Birds powered to the finish

line with a three-goal third period, beginning with a strike from Jack Rodewald off a turnover by Coreau at 4:00 to make it 4-2. Then 9 minutes later, Daniel Audette added to the lead, finding a soft spot in the high slot, and firing a turnaround wrister past Coreau to make it 5-2.

In the final minute, Aleksii Saarela iced the game with his 11th goal of the season off a set-up from Tippett. With the three-point night, Tippett heads to his first AHL All-Star Classic with 40 points in his first 46 games.

The Thunderbirds also climbed into the fourth position in the Atlantic Division heading into the All-Star break.

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olo was awarded the victory.

Two other victories went to Harrison Mendrala and Evan Cruz.

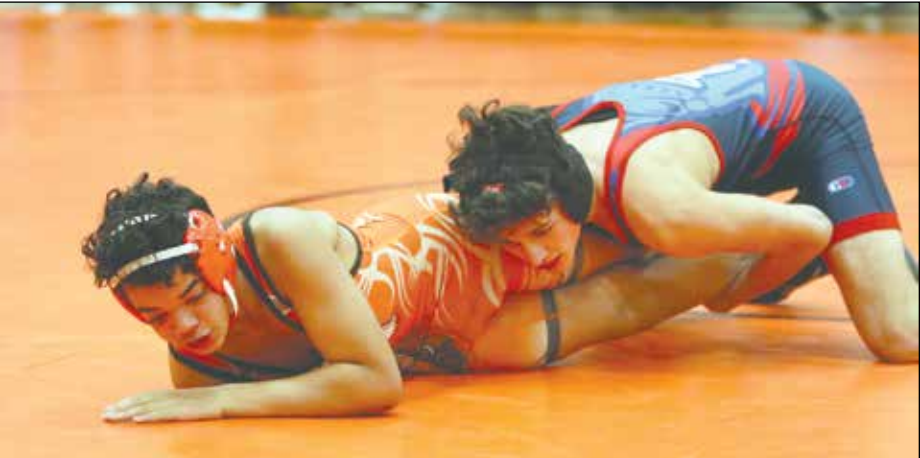
Mendrala, who now competes at 182 pounds, got a very quick takedown and then needed a pair of nearfalls before he eventually trapped his opponent in a pinning predicament.

Cruz was a pinfall winner in just over a

minute, using a cradle move to lock his opponent up.

Agawam's other two wins came by forfeit, with Nick Burbank being awarded a victory at 220 pounds, and Antonio Ramos, one of Agawam's top wrestlers, taking the forfeit win at heavyweight.

Agawam heads to Franklin Tech this Saturday to take part in their dual meets. Agawam then faces Putnam vocational on the road next Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.



Dwayne Harris tries to work out of trouble in the 138-pound match. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Andrew Maslansky takes control of his opponent after scoring a reversal.



Jaron Luke tries to maintain his balance as he competes at 152.

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The football tournament is still up in the air at the moment. The football committee is trying to figure out if they want to play a seven-week regular season and have 32 teams qualify for the playoffs in each division or play eight weeks and only have 16 teams in the playoffs.

"The Western and Central part of the state currently plays an eight-week regular season schedule, while Eastern Mass. only plays seven weeks," O'Leary said. "That's something the football committee still needs to figure out."

The seeding and pairings for the new statewide tournament will be handled by Maxpreps. The top 32 teams in each Division will be ranked by Maxpreps. Those 32 teams will also automatically qualify for the tournament. The other teams, who finish the regular season with at least a .500 record, will also be included in the postseason tournament.

"Power seeding will determine the 32 teams in each division," DiCarlo said. "Teams not seeded in the top 32, but meeting our 50 percent qualifying criteria will also be eligible for the tournament. That was the direct feedback from some of our colleagues that they did not want to lose that 50 percent qualifying standard that we have in our system. Those teams will play in the preliminary round."

The top four teams in each division will be put into four brackets as top-seeds, which is similar to the NCAA Men's basketball tournament.

Currently teams are able to qualify for

the postseason tournament by using the Sullivan rule. They can also qualify by finishing first or second in their league standings. Those avenues will not be available under the new plan.

MaxPreps, which is owned by CBS Sports, is scheduled to take over rankings and seedings for tournaments beginning in 2020-2021.

Travel, especially on a school night, was one of the major issues discussed at the press conference.

"One superintendent said it best at one of our meetings. He said, 'I'll find the money to play a like-sized school rather than having to play a large opponent because they're prep,'" said O'Leary, who's the TMC chairman. "We are not really a big state when you look at other states and how they travel and what they do. I know during the regular season I see teams traveling a lot of places in some sports for an 8:20 game and they seem to get there."

This is what Hart said about teams having to travel across the state to play tournament games.

"It's not an every-day travel. It's a one-time deal, or it might be a two-time," he said. "We're talking about something and we're trying to make it bigger for the kids as well."

All of the tournament games will be held at the higher seeded schools until the state semifinal and finals, which will be held at neutral sites.

Even if the new state tournament plan is passed, there could still be a Western Mass. tournament in most sports during the final week of the regular season. Nothing has been finalized yet.

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DEVELOPER ■ from page 1

With a positive recommendation from the Community Preservation Committee, the proposal will appear on an upcoming City Council agenda. The council will cast the deciding vote on whether to spend the funds.

Though Way Finders' plans for the site have received state approval, the Springfield-based nonprofit is still working to raise the funds it needs for construction. James Linfield, the project manager, said his agency is in the running for a state construction grant, and finalists will be announced next month. Being able to show that the project has local support would increase Way Finders' odds of receiving the grant, Linfield said.

"They want town buy-in," Linfield said.

Yet the project, at a former farm on a street of single-family homes, has attracted protestors from the start. Neighbors have expressed concerns about traffic on Mill Street, and banded together in 2016 in an effort to scuttle the project.

City Councilor George Bitzas, who attended the Jan. 22 meeting, opposed spending local taxpayers' money on a con-

troversial project.

"The time we came to propose [Rosewood Way], it was full of people opposing," Bitzas said. "I don't think that's fair. Use this [money] for the people of Agawam, the elderly people who need their homes repaired. It should not go to builders."

CPA Committee member Ray Moreau proposed cutting the payment in half, but none of the other committee members voted for his amendment. Moreau was the only committee member to vote against the \$564,000.

Linfield, however, said the project would check several boxes on Agawam's 2016 Housing Needs Assessment by increasing the number of affordable units in town, particularly those designed for residents with limited mobility.

Doreen Prouty spoke for the majority on the board.

"We've been talking for years about how we need to support affordable housing," Prouty said. "It's beneficial to the town of Agawam. It just happens to be being built by a private entity."

One of the opponents' concerns about the Rosewood Way project was that Way Finders could not guarantee that Agawam

residents would be given preference in the rental process. Michelle McAdaragh, Way Finders' senior vice president of real estate development, said the state can mandate a local-preference lottery for the project's affordable units, if town officials request it.

"I have never seen the state decline it, and I've been with Way Finders for 22 years doing this kind of thing," she said.

Rosewood Way will occupy the rear 8.5 acres of the former farm at 586 Mill St., Feeding Hills. The apartments would occupy 10 two-story townhome buildings. Plans also call for a common building with an office, laundry and recreation room that residents can use.

Though the land is zoned Agricultural, Way Finders was able to sidestep local zon-

ing by receiving a state permit under Chapter 40B. This option is open to projects in which at least 25 percent of the units are "affordable," as long as the town's housing stock is less than 10 percent affordable. Just 4 percent of Agawam's housing units qualify as affordable.

The rest of the property, about 5 acres, has been split into three house lots along Mill Street. Way Finders has not submitted any proposals for these lots. Linfield said he did not know when, or if, Way Finders plans to develop those lots.

Agawam's Community Preservation Act account has a balance of \$3.45 million. The money can only be spent on open space, affordable housing, historical preservation or recreational properties.



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**Monday, Feb. 3**

**HOCKEY BOOK SIGNING** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam, 6 p.m. Bruce Landon, retired professional goalie and long-time part-owner of the Springfield Falcons of the American Hockey League, will sign copies of his memoir "The Puck Stops Here — My (Not So) Minor League Life." Proceeds from book sales benefit the Tammy Jacobson-Landon "I Can Hear You Now" Scholarship Fund at Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech.

**Tuesday, Feb. 4**

**FREE LUNCH FOR VETERANS** at St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St, Feeding Hills, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A free lunch for veterans and one guest will be offered the first Tuesday of every month.

**'EATING TO THRIVE' LECTURE** at the YMCA of Greater Westfield, 67 Court St., Westfield, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Free. Andrea Luttrell, registered dietician and labor and delivery nurse, will share easy tips on preparing balanced meals on a family budget. Participants receive a gift bag with hand-outs and coupons. Registration required by Jan. 27 at 413-568-8631. More info: Cindy Agan, [cagan@westfieldymca.org](mailto:cagan@westfieldymca.org).

**Wednesday, Feb. 5**

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER** at Elm-Belcher Masonic Lodge, 53 River St., Agawam, 4:30 to 7 p.m. All you can eat for \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, \$4 for veterans and first responders, free for active-duty military. All are welcome.

**Friday, Feb. 7**

**ROMANTIC MUSIC CONCERT** as part of the Agawam Cultural Council's free Applause Series. Doors open at the Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, at 6:15 p.m.; the concert begins at 7. Judy Handler and Mark Levesque will feature Spanish and Latin American music for guitar, mandolin and cuatro. More info: 413-821-0604 or [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

## Agawam Senior Center

The Senior Center at 954 Main St., Agawam, is open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 413-821-0605. Lunch is served daily at 11:30 a.m. for a \$3 suggested donation; diners must register 24 hours in advance at 413-821-0604.

**Lunch Menu**

**Monday, Feb. 3:** Ricotta stuffed shells with meatballs, mixed green salad, fresh orange.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 4:** Chicken cordon bleu, roasted potatoes, broccoli, pudding.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 5:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, dilled carrots, peaches.  
**Thursday, Feb. 6:** Roast turkey with gravy, stuffing and cranberry sauce, green beans, baked good.  
**Friday, Feb. 7:** Grilled chicken salad (mixed greens, cucumbers, tomatoes, carrots, olives, onions and cranberries), sliced apples with cinnamon.

**Daily Events**

**Monday, Feb. 3:** Yoga (\$6), 8:15 a.m.; line dancing (\$3), 9:45 a.m.; chair yoga (\$6), 11:30 a.m.; bridge group, 12:30 p.m.; bingo, 1 p.m.; Zumba

Gold (\$6), 5:30 p.m.; line dancing, 6:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 4:** Weight training, 8:30 a.m.; knitting, 9 a.m.; Zumba Gold (\$6), 10:15 a.m.; ladies billiards, noon; Senior Cinemas ("Poms"), 12:30 p.m.; mah jongg, 12:30 p.m.; dominoes, 12:30 p.m.; canasta, 1 p.m.; writing group, 1:30 p.m.; beginner line dancing, 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 5:** Hearing checks available; yoga (\$6), 8:15 a.m.; Friends meeting, 9:30 a.m.; gentle yoga (\$6), 9:45 a.m.; bereavement group, 10 a.m.; bridge, 12:30 p.m.; ballroom lesson (see staff), 1 p.m.; Golden Agers Chapter 2 meeting, 1:30 p.m.; Zumba Gold (\$6), 5:30 p.m.; Western Mass. Genealogy, 6 p.m.; line dancing, 6:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, Feb. 6:** Weight training, 8:30 a.m.; Quilting Club, 9 a.m.; Wii Sports, 10:15 a.m.; reiki (\$10), 10:30 a.m.; bridge, 12:15 p.m.; dominoes, 12:30 p.m.; open art, 1 p.m.; yoga (\$6), 4 p.m.; caregiver support group, 5 p.m.; line dancing, 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 7:** Yin Yoga (\$6), 8:15 a.m.; Let's Paint (\$10), 9:15 a.m.; tai chi (\$6), 10 a.m.; canasta, 1 p.m.; cornhole, 1 p.m.; cribbage, 1 p.m.; card games, 1 p.m.; line dancing, 6 p.m.; Applause Series event, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 9**

**BUILDING TOURS** of the former Classical High School, 235 State St., Springfield, 2 p.m. Free. Participants will see how the former high school was converted into condominiums 30 years ago. Hosted by Historical Classical Inc.

**Saturday, Feb. 15**

**SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON** at the Grange hall, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Homemade soups, sandwiches, dessert and choice of beverage will be sold for \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 12. Proceeds benefit Community Grange 382. Reservations are suggested at 413-789-2061.

**ONGOING**

**NAMI CONNECTION**, a free, peer-led support group for adults who are concerned about their mental health, meets Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., in the NAMI Western Massachusetts office at 324A Springfield St., Agawam. For more information, call 413-786-9139 or email [information@namiwm.org](mailto:information@namiwm.org).

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** can help with eating problems. Meetings are held throughout Western Massachusetts, including regular meetings in Agawam. There are no dues, fees, weigh-ins or special foods to buy. All are welcome. For more information, call Springfield Answering Services at 413-783-4198 or Marcia at 703-415-6744, or visit [www.oawmass.org](http://www.oawmass.org).

**THE TRADING POST** consignment shop is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., Agawam. The Trading Post carries a variety of items, including clothes, shoes, handbags, jewelry, books, toys, household and gift items. Donations are welcomed during store hours.

**THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE** meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the Peirce Conference Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at [rosemarysandlin@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarysandlin@gmail.com).

**AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers a free "Crochet Club" the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All are invited to join, including men and women and beginners to experienced crocheters. Drop-ins welcome. Hooks and yarn available if needed. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

**ADULT DROP-IN SIT & KNIT** meets at the Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper St. Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Bring your sticks and join other knitters for creative time. No registration is required.

**GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP** Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Spring-

field St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

**THE WESTFIELD WOMAN'S CLUB's** clubhouse is available for rentals for wedding receptions, bridal showers, baby showers, graduation celebrations, and birthday and anniversary parties by the hour or the day. For more information, call Lilian at 413-568-2916.

**A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

**RSVP OF THE PIONEER VALLEY** is in need of volunteers to drive seniors to get groceries, visit their doctor and fill prescriptions. If you have two hours weekly, a dependable vehicle and really want to make a difference, contact Pat Sicard, RSVP Volunteer Manager, at 413-387-4558, ext. 1, or [psicard@hcg-ma.org](mailto:psicard@hcg-ma.org).

**A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**, facilitated by The Atrium at Cardinal Drive through the Alzheimer's Association, meets the first Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam. All are welcome. To register, call 413-821-9911.

**AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

**A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

**WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP** for anyone who has lost a spouse. Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam, the second Wednesday of the month, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP** for anyone who has lost a child, parent, sibling, or dear relative or friend. Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam, the second Wednesday of the month, 7 to 9 p.m.

**YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR CAMPER** may be worth more as a donation than a trade-in. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind at 888-613-2777 for more information. Towing is free. All donations are tax deductible.

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3  
Agawam Junior High School  
1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills**

- A. Roll call
- B. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Citizen's Speak Time
- D. Minutes
- 1. Regular Council Meeting — Jan. 21, 2020
- E. Declaration of council president
- F. Presentation of resolutions
- 1. TR-2019-78 — A Resolution accepting a grant (\$3,064.25) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, in relation to the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (Mayor Sapelli) (Tabled 1/21/20)
- 2. TR-2019-82 — A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into consent for shared occupancy of Right of Way Easement Agreements between the Town of Agawam and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC regarding the upgrade to the pipeline (Mayor Sapelli) (Tabled 1/21/20)
- 3. TR-2020-1 — A Resolution confirming the reappointment of Violet E. Baldwin, 1245 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001 to the Planning Board to a term expiring January 1, 2025 (Mayor Sapelli)
- 4. TR-2020-2 — A Resolution confirming the reappointment of Alice D. Smith, 523 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 to the Historic Commission to a term expiring January 1, 2023 (Mayor Sapelli)
- 5. TR-2020-3 — A Resolution accepting a grant in the amount of \$6,500.00 from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency through the Executive Office for Administration and Finance for the Town of Agawam Emergency Management Department (Mayor Sapelli) (Referred to Finance Committee)
- 6. TR-2020-4 — A Resolution authorizing the posting of the warrant for the Presidential Primary Election on March 3, 2020 and the Special State Primary Election on March 3, 2020 and the Special State Election on

- March 31, 2020 (Clerk)
  - 7. TR-2020-5 — A Resolution confirming the reappointment of Mark Paleologopoulos, 100 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, MA. 01030 to the Planning Board to a term expiring January 1, 20205 (Mayor Sapelli)
  - 8. TR-2020-6 — A Resolution accepting a grant in the amount of (\$95,999.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Department pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A for the Agawam Police Department (Mayor Sapelli) (Referred to Finance Committee)
  - 9. TR-2020-7 — A Resolution confirming the reappointment of Lori Stickles, 85 Anvil Street, Feeding Hills, MA to the Agawam Housing Authority to a term expiring the second Monday in January 2025 (Mayor Sapelli)
  - 10. TR-2020-8 — A Resolution to appropriate funds (\$1,205,806.00) to pay for costs of the Boiler Repair Project at the Agawam Junior High School pursuant to Massachusetts School Building Authority's Accelerated Repair Program (Mayor Sapelli) (Referred to Finance Committee)
  - 11. TR-2020-9 — A Resolution confirming the appointment of Michael Dobise, 43 Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills, MA to the Energy Commission to an unexpired term expiring on April 1, 2020 (Mayor Sapelli)
  - 12. TR-2020-10 — A Resolution to appropriate Three Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Seven Dollars (\$3,197.00) from the Agawam Municipal Golf Course Retained Earnings Account to fund the Agawam Municipal Golf Course Regular and Permanent and Golf Overtime Accounts (Mayor Sapelli)
  - 13. TR-2020-11 — A Resolution to appropriate Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,250.00) from the Agawam Wastewater Fund Retained Earnings Account to fund the Wastewater Overtime Account (Mayor Sapelli)
  - 14. TR-2020-12 — A Resolution to appropriate Five Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$5,690.00) from the Agawam Water Department's Retained Earnings Account to fund the Water Department's Regular
- Permanent, Regular Temporary and Water Overtime Accounts (Mayor Sapelli)
  - 15. TR-2020-13 — A Resolution to appropriate Two Hundred Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred and Forty One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$231,541.00) for the Agreements of the Agawam Building Maintenance Association and the Agawam Administrative Union with the Town of Agawam (Mayor Sapelli)
  - G. Report of council committees
  - H. Elections
  - I. Public hearings
  - 1. ZC-2020-1 (PH-2020-1) — Petition for Zone Change by Owner Anna Chuduk for property located at 266 Walnut Street from Business A to Industrial A (Referred to Legislative Committee) (Tabled 1/21/20)
  - 2. ZC-2020-2 (PH-2020-2) — Petition for Zone Change by Owner Verteramo Real Estate, LLC for property located at Rear Meadow Street from Agricultural, Industrial A and Residence A-2 to Business A (Referred to Legislative Committee) (Tabled 1/21/20)
  - J. Old business
  - 1. TO-2020-1 — An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's LICENSE to Paul J. LaPointe d/b/a The Car Connection, 820 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
  - 2. TO-2020-2 — An Order granting or renewing a PERMIT for Weekly Amusement for OMS Hospitality Group d/b/a Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
  - 3. TO-2020-3 — Budgetary Transfer of \$50,000.00 from Police Station Locker Room (#16619-58940) to the Police Station Generator (#16610-58506) (Mayor Sapelli) (Referred to Finance Committee)
  - 4. TO-2020-4 — Budgetary Transfer of \$220,404.00 from Salary Reserve (#16606 – 57350) to various departments (Mayor Sapelli)
  - K. New business: Unavailable at press time.
  - L. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council
  - M. Adjournment

## ARREST LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 366 calls for service Jan. 21-27, and recorded the following arrests. No arrests in the public log have been omitted. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

**Thursday, Jan. 23**

Jeffrey R. Drapeau, 44, of 68 Powder Mill Road, Southwick, was arrested at 2:14 p.m. on South West Street and charged with possession of a class A drug.

Brandon P. Redmond, 26, of 101 Anthony St., Agawam, was arrested at 10:18 p.m. on Leonard Street and charged with driving under the influence of liquor, driving under the influence of drugs, speeding, negligent driving, failing to signal, a marked lanes violation, a number plate violation, and driving with no inspection sticker.

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# Obituary

## DEATH NOTICE

**Stapleton, Margaret Keeley**  
Died Jan. 26  
Celebration of Life Jan. 30  
Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation

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## Margaret Keeley Stapleton, 101



Margaret Keeley Stapleton, 101, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 26, with her loving family by her side.

She was born in 1918 in Cheshire to Thomas and Catherine (Mullen) Keeley. Her family moved to Agawam in the early 1920s, where they purchased their family farm on Suffield Street. She graduated from Agawam High School in 1936 and attended Bay Path College.

She began to work at age 18 for her uncle at T.J. Murray Plating Co., at the Indian Motorcycle factory in Springfield. In 1954, Stapleton built her home on an adjoining lot given by her parents, where she raised her family and lived her entire life. Shortly after having children, Margaret's entrepreneurial spirit brought her to open Hansel and Gretel Nursery School in the early 1960s. She later worked for her brothers at Keeley Brothers Plating in West Springfield.

Stapleton was a lifelong member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam. Many things brought her joy including socializing, music and dancing, vacationing at the beach in Watch Hill, R.I., and reading books of historical fiction and politics. She was active and liked to keep busy while enjoying time with friends and family, gar-

dening, knitting, and being outdoors.

Stapleton's family, faith and Irish heritage were paramount. She had a heart of gold, with her door always open for her family and friends, and she enjoyed sharing memories of her life on the Keeley farm.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her three children and their spouses: Katherine and Todd Menees of Bridgewater Corners, Vt., Mary Ellen and Alan Pilkington of East Longmeadow, and Thomas and Lynne Stapleton of Southwick; five grandchildren, Heather Pilkington, John and Daniel Stapleton, and Ryan and Laura Koloski; and three great-grandchildren, Olivia and Jonah Czeck, and Thea Rose Koloski. Besides her parents, Stapleton is predeceased by her brothers and sisters Helen Wright, Thomas Keeley, James Keeley, Bernard Keeley, Ann Caroleo and William Keeley.

A celebration of her life will begin with visiting hours 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation, 985 Main St., Agawam. Ceremonies will continue at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at the funeral home, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in St. John the Evangelist Church at 10 a.m., and burial to follow in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Stapleton's memory to Little Sisters of the Poor, 1365 Enfield St., Enfield, CT 06082. For more information or to leave an online message to the family, visit [www.forastiere.com](http://www.forastiere.com).

## Youth Winter Reading Program runs to Feb.

Reading logs are available for the Agawam Public Library's Winter Reading Program, which began Tuesday.

Children and teenagers are encouraged to sign up for the program, in which they track their reading through Feb. 22. When kids reach their goal, they earn a free book to keep.

Other programs include a drop-in scavenger hunt around the Children's Room and a special guessing game during school vacation week in February. For more information, visit the Children's Room in the library at 750 Cooper St., Agawam, or contact Children's Librarian Pam Weingart at 413-789-1550 or [pweingart@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:pweingart@agawamlibrary.org).

## What would you ask your town's mayor?

Agawam Mayor William Sapelli and his West Side counterpart, Will Reichelt, will discuss happenings in their town and answer submitted questions at a breakfast event in March.

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce is asking Agawam residents to submit their questions to [robin@westoftheriverchamber.com](mailto:robin@westoftheriverchamber.com).

The annual Breakfast with the Mayors will be held 7:30 to 9 a.m. Thursday, March 19, at Storrowton Tavern, 1305 Memorial Ave., on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Tickets are \$35 for Chamber members, \$45 for non-members. For more information, call 413-426-3880, or email [info@westoftheriverchamber.com](mailto:info@westoftheriverchamber.com).

# Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD20P0141EA**  
**Estate of:**  
**Anna Kruczek**  
**Date of Death: 12/13/2019**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Walter Kruczek** of West Springfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Walter Kruczek** of West Springfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **02/21/2020**.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: January 24, 2020  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD20P0137EA**  
**Estate of:**  
**Glen Quatrone**  
**Also Known As:**  
**Glen Quatrone**  
**Date of Death:**  
**December 10, 2019**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
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**Amy Depratti** of Agawam MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD20P0139EA**  
**Estate of:**  
**Arlene Yvonne St. Onge**  
**Also known as:**  
**Arlene Y St. Onge**  
**Date of Death: 10/23/2019**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
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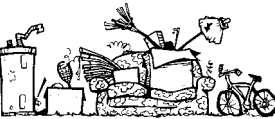
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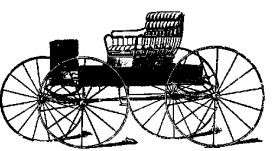
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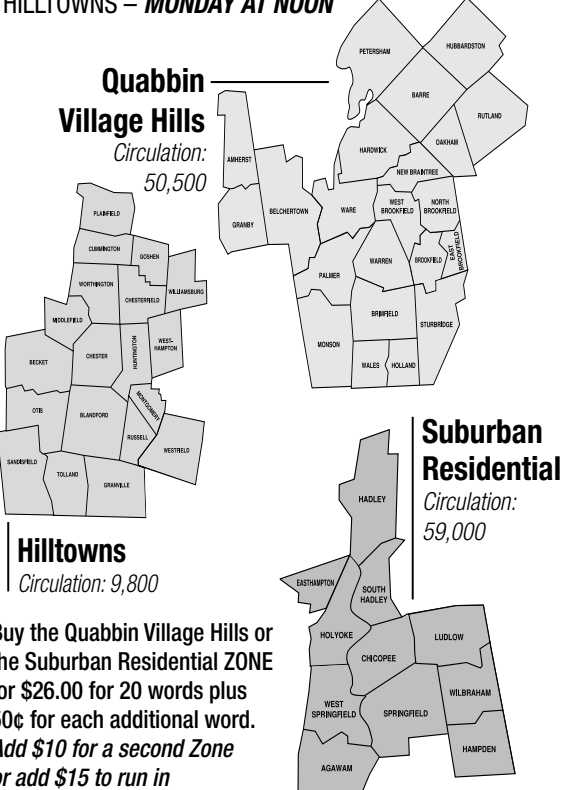
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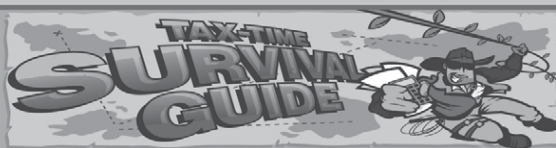
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# Encaustic artist to demonstrate techniques at meeting



Pam Brown

The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans will welcome Pam Brown as their artist demonstrator at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam. Brown will discuss her work

with encaustic and resin. Encaustic is a mixed-media technique using heated beeswax with colored pigments. Brown uses oil paint sticks, pan pastels and ground pigments. The liquid paste is then applied to a surface, usually prepared wood, although canvas and other materials are often used. Heat is applied to the natural beeswax and dammar resin crystals (crystallized tree sap) to fuse the mediums together. The paste can be poured in several layers, for a work with engaging depth.

Brown, a Springfield resident, is mostly self-taught by using on-line classes taught by professional artists. She is a member of Scantic River Artists, Tobacco Valley Artists Association and Wilbraham Art League, and her work has won several awards. Light refreshments will be served at the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Ceil Rossi at 413-207-1247 or [tocarefree2@hotmail.com](mailto:tocarefree2@hotmail.com).



Pam Brown will discuss her encaustic artworks at the Agawam Community Artists and Artisans meeting on Feb. 12. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



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